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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 3009036	
In re Application of <u>Francis X. Smith, et al.</u>			
Application Number 09/706,338		Filed Nov. 9, 2000	
For <u>Improved Ophthalmic and Contact Lens Solution</u>			
Art Unit 1712		Examiner <u>Lovering</u>	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3010.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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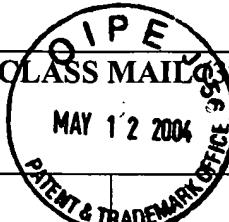
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